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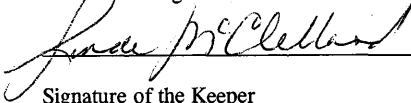
**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 04001407

Property Name: Legion Memorial Park  
County: Nemaha State: Nebraska

Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



December 29, 2004

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 6: Function/Use

The following subcategories are, hereby, added to the entries for historic and current functions:

Recreation & Culture: music facility, monument/marker

Landscape: park

Section 8: Significance

National Register Criterion C and the area of significance, "Landscape Architecture," are, hereby, added to recognize the significance of the park's overall design and the distinctive stone and brick masonry of WPA-built structures (the band shell, picnic shelter, and entry portal). This evaluation is supported by the context and registration requirements in the "Historic Landscape Design in National and State Parks MPS," which extends nationwide to landscape design in local parks by the Works Progress Administration.

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The Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

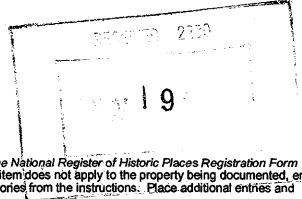
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**National Register property file**

**Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

Historic name Legion Memorial Park  
Other names/site number Nixon & Howe Park, City Park, American Legion Memorial Park, NH01-69, 70-77

### 2. Location

Street & number Generally Bounded by 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Street, H Street and J Street Not for publication   
City or town Auburn Vicinity   
State Nebraska Code NE County Nemaha Code 127 Zip code 68305

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ({} See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Wanda McClelland* \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/15/04  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Director, Nebraska State Historical Society  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ({} See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 see continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  
 see continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*Wanda McClelland* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- Public-local
- Public-state
- Public-federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	1	Buildings
		Sites
5	1	Structures
2	1	Objects
9	3	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

None

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RECREATION & CULTURE

LANDSCAPE

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RECREATION & CULTURE

LANDSCAPE

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: RUSTIC

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Foundation Concrete, stone

Walls Concrete, stone, brick

Roof Asphalt

Other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- x A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B Removed from its original location.
C A birthplace or a grave.
D A cemetery.
E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F A commemorative property.
G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

- ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION
COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance

1929-1954

Significant Dates

1929

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
Previously listed in the National Register
Previously determined eligible by the National Register
Designated a National Historic Landmark
Recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
Recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location for additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local Government
University
Other
Name of repository:

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### 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 7 Acres

UTM References (place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet).

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	15	0259193	4475180	3.			
2.				4.			

See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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### 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Marisa Kosobucki/Historian; Jill Ebers – Nebraska SHPO, editor  
organization Heritage Research, Ltd. date August 2004  
street & number N89 W16785 Appleton Avenue telephone (262)-251-7792  
city or town Menomonee Falls state WI zip code 53051

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### Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

#### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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### Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name/title City of Auburn  
street & number 1101 J Street telephone (402)-274-3420  
city or town Auburn state NE zip code 68305

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determined eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, (15 USC 470 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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### Description

Legion Memorial Park is located immediately north of downtown in the northeast section of the City of Auburn (pop.3,350)<sup>1</sup>, the county seat of Nemaha County. The park is bounded by 10<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, a concrete walkway to the east, 11<sup>th</sup> street and a concrete walkway to the south, and J Street/HWY 75 to the west. Within the park's boundary there are twelve elements including six structures, three buildings, and three objects. The structures include three bridges, a band shell, a park shelter and a gate, while the buildings consist of two bathrooms and a storage shed. The objects include a stone monument, a stone pyramidal light stand and a rustic stone stream/stepped feature. The storage shed, one bridge and the stone monument are non-contributing.

The main entrance to the park is located on the west side of Legion Memorial Park, adjacent to J Street/HWY 75. A concrete walkway leads through a brick gateway entrance to the "Avenue of Flags" stone monument. The concrete walkway extends east toward a play area, the band shell and a bridge over the rustic stream. The walkway continues directly north to an open park shelter at the northwest corner of the park grounds. Moving east from the park shelter, the concrete walkway leads to the women's restroom building, and finally the men's restroom building located in the northeastern section of the park. Before reaching the men's restroom, the walkway intersects with another walkway that runs north/south and roughly parallels the rustic stream to the west and the modern pool area to the east. Mature foliage is scattered throughout the park and flowerbeds border the rustic stream. Wooden picnic tables are placed in the park shelter and throughout the entire park. A modern pool and bathhouse have replaced the original structures that were built in 1930, and are located directly on the eastern edge of the park. They are separated from the contributing properties by a concrete walkway, and are therefore not included within the boundaries of this nomination.

### Entrance Gate (contributing, 1938):

The primary entrance, located on the west border of the park features two large, brick columns measuring 9 feet 4 inches high and 39 inches by 39 inches wide, supported by a red fieldstone base measuring 4 feet high and 44 inches by 44 inches wide. A lantern fixture rests on top of each pier, and a sign connecting the piers reads "LEGION MEMORIAL PARK" in white letters. Iron fencing slopes away from each post to a smaller fieldstone post standing 4 feet 2 inches high and 36 inches by 39 inches wide, capped with a stone coping width of 40 inches by 43 inches.

### Rustic Stream/Stepped Feature (contributing, 1929):

At the southwest corner of the park, a fieldstone wall--flanked by five stone steps and a stone stair wall--is the starting point of the "rustic stream". When rainwater is abundant in the park, this manmade stream diverts the water in an aesthetic fashion throughout the park. The stream winds from the southeast corner, north to the northeast end of the park. Along this stream are three bridges (two contributing and one non-contributing).

### Women's Restroom (contributing, 1930):

East of the picnic shelter is the women's restroom. This front-gabled, one-story, 10 feet by 14 feet structure constructed of fieldstone is topped with asphalt shingles. This building has one entrance on the east side, with two small, three-light, hopper windows on the west and south facades.

### Men's Restroom (contributing, 1930):

The men's restroom is located further east on the park property, and northwest of the swimming pool. It is identical to the previously described women's restroom building.

<sup>1</sup> Auburn population is extracted from the website population is quoted from the website, <http://www.factindex.com/a/au/auburn/nebraska.html>.

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Bridge #1 (contributing, 1930):

Situated at the northern end of the rustic stream, this bridge is roughly 18 feet, 3 inches long and 6 feet, 9 inches wide, with solid fieldstone walls. Flagstone approaches lead to a concrete deck reinforced with steel.

Bridge #2 (contributing, 1930):

Centrally located along the rustic river, this bridge is constructed of fieldstone, and features concrete approaches to a flagstone deck. It is significantly smaller than the previously described bridge.

Bridge #3 (non-contributing, modern):

The first bridge heading north along the stream is 23 feet in length, and 6 feet 10 inches wide, with a 4 feet 3 inch poured concrete walkway. Minimal fieldstone detail lines the walls.

Lantern Stone Base (contributing, circa 1930):

A stone pyramidal light stand is located directly east of the band shell and rustic stream.

Water Faucet (contributing, circa 1930):

Directly north of the modern storage shed and west of the rustic stream stands a stone pyramidal water faucet.

Picnic Shelter (contributing, 1937):

In the northwest quadrant of the park stands an open-air picnic shelter. This one-story, pyramidal roof shelter is supported by four corners of brick posts, each corner contains two intermediate posts of 12 inches by 12 inches in width, and one corner post measuring 17 inches by 17 inches. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a 4.5 feet overhang in the eaves. The pillars are supported by fieldstone bases 6.5 feet in length and capped with green painted stone coping. Entranceways between the groupings of posts are 9.5 feet in length. Inside the center of the shelter are three fire grates and a fireplace; all are constructed of brick.

Band Shell (contributing, 1940):

Directly southwest of this light feature is the band shell. The band shelter was built in 1940 with assistance from the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The front of the shelter faces the southwest, and features roughly a 24 feet by 24 feet stage that projects 12 feet further than the band shell. The band shell itself is 30 feet wide by 40 feet tall is sheathed in red brick and rests on a fieldstone base. It is anchored by large brick piers measuring 47 inches by 47 inches in width and is accented by brickwork above the blue and white painted segmental arch supported by white square columns. Stone coping and detail top the parapet roofline. A large bell and two flags are painted on the rear inside wall of the band shell. Identical stairwells lined with fieldstone and topped with stone coping flank, and lead up to, the ground stage. The rear facade reveals the parapet that hides a polygonal roof over the shell and interior dressing rooms. Windows are typically filled in. Three stairwells accent this facade. Two that lead into the basement-level recreational facilities, while the third projects from a stage-level doorway. The latter is sided with brick and rests on a fieldstone foundation. The basement area was intended as a recreational room and measures 22 feet by 23 feet. Rows of wooden benches are arched in front of the band shell for seating.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> "Work Started on New Band Shell," *Nemaha County Herald*, May 1940.

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"Avenue of Flags" Stone Monument (non-contributing, modern):

This stone monument is located off a concrete path, east of the primary entrance. In the concrete, a stone inset is placed in front of the monument and reads, "Park Committee, DEC Long, Alt Millar, 1911." The monument honors the 540 Nemaha County men that have died in combat.<sup>3</sup>

Storage Shed (non-contributing, modern):

A small 12x20' modern storage shed is located directly west of the rustic stream in the southeastern quadrant of the park.

<sup>3</sup> Jane Graf, *Nebraska, Our Towns: East Southeast*. (Seward, NE: Second Century Publication, 1992), 132.



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### Statement of Significance

Founders of the City of Auburn set aside land for city park space in 1883; it was renamed "American Legion Memorial Park" in 1930. The park continues its historic function and is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as a significant site associated with early twentieth-century Community/Planning, Entertainment/Recreation and Politics/Government. Since its beginning, with the exception of a period in the beginning of the twentieth century, the Legion Memorial Park has been subject to the city of Auburn's constant efforts to improve the park's appearance with careful and conscious efforts by community members. The product of these efforts created an aesthetic and enjoyable environment for citizens of all ages in the community. Although the park is not being considered for Criterion C because of the construction of a large new swimming pool and bath house, the buildings, structures and objects that remain retain integrity. In addition to local assistance, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) program, funded by the federal government through the New Deal-era relief program, also contributed to the construction of the public facilities contained within the Legion Memorial Park.

### Historical Context

In 1882, the City of Auburn was created through the merger of the former towns of Sheridan and Calvert, which were originally platted a mere half mile from each other. Church Howe and Charles D. Nixon were two civically active men who encouraged both the creation of Auburn and the move of the county seat from Brownville to Auburn in 1883. Howe, a native of Princeton, Massachusetts, was a Brevet Major in the Civil War. Nixon, a native of New York, was a local businessman. After Auburn became the county seat, they were responsible for the construction of the county courthouse through their donation of \$3000.00. The exact year is unclear, however, during this time the men platted a piece of land to be specifically used for a public park space.<sup>4</sup>

In its early years, the park was left an open natural space. A popular spot for the City of Auburn, it was a center for public gatherings such as the "Chautauqua", which was held there every year. Chautauqua meetings were designed to entertain guests with various activities including lectures, sermons, and singing.<sup>5</sup> For many years, the park was leased by the city of Auburn for use for public gatherings of all kinds.

In the autumn of 1929, the park was offered at public sale under an order of the court. There was great concern that a private individual might purchase the park and develop it for residential or commercial uses, thereby preventing the city from taking advantage of the opportunity to obtain a permanent public park. The Mayor and City Council met in August 1929 to discuss the ways and means available to purchase the park for Auburn. A City Park Fund had been accumulated from tax levies in previous years that amounted to approximately \$6000.00. An ordinance was passed unanimously that called for a special election to determine if the public was in favor of using these funds for this purpose. The proposal put before the voters stated that no extra taxes would be levied, and that the city would bid no more than the \$6000.00 in the fund toward the purchase of the park. The special election held September 17, 1929, and in a landslide decision, the city was authorized to make the purchase. According to the Nemaha County News, there was little enthusiasm or even much debate about the issue prior to the election. However, the morning of the election, an anonymous pamphlet was issued by the opposition, and was resented to such an extent that those in favor of the purchase of the park turned out in great numbers.<sup>6</sup> With the purchase of the park, the city also acquired a portion of land that was used for parking, thereby

<sup>4</sup> *A History of Nemaha County*. (Dallas, TX: Taylor Publishing Co., 1987), 4-5, 188, 242.

<sup>5</sup> "Will Offer Park at Public Sale," *Nemaha County Herald*, 5 July 1929. Quoted material is as stated in the "David City Park and Municipal Auditorium", National Register Nomination. Prepared by Greg Miller for the Nebraska State Preservation Office, July 2000.

<sup>6</sup> *Nemaha County Herald*, 20 September 1929.

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community centers, roads dams, bridges and similar public-oriented facilities across the country. The emphasis on rejuvenating local economies through job creation often led to labor-intensive building techniques using locally available materials, such as timber, limestone or fieldstone. As a result, many WPA-built facilities display a distinctive architectural style that is quite consistent from region to region, while their use of local materials provided a clear visual and aesthetic tie unique to their immediate surrounding. The band shell and entrance to the park, and the park picnic shelter were all constructed using WPA funds.

The park shelter was funded in 1937, and the arched entrance to the park in 1938. The newspaper indicated there was a five year plan of work for the improvement of the city park, and included the construction of the band shell for the next year. The band shell project received \$4500.00 and the remainder was funded by the City of Auburn. Work was approved in October 1939, and completed in 1940. A two-hour concert, with other special procedures for the presentation of the band shell was highlighted on the front page of the *Nemaha County Herald* 29 August 1940. Other park improvements that were included in the WPA grant were "a number of ornamental electroliers, about 5,000 feet of walk and ornamental columns at the main entrance on the west side of the park."<sup>13</sup>

**Conclusion**

Legion Memorial Park is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as a significant site associated with early twentieth-century Community/Planning, Entertainment/Recreation and Politics/Government. The park developed through the enthusiasm and generosity of the community of Auburn and projects funded by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The park is a significant historic resource that is used daily by the people of Auburn. Although the pool and bathhouse have been replaced, the remainder of the park has sufficient historic integrity to merit its inclusion in the National Register.

<sup>13</sup> Carroll Van West, "The Best Kind of Building: The New Deal Landscape of the Northern Plains, 1933-1942," *Great Plains Quarterly* 14 (Spring 1994), 129-30, 136-39; "Preparing to Ask WPA Grant," *Nemaha County Herald*, September 1935, "WPA Allowed Money for New Bandshell," *Nemaha County Herald*, October 1939; "Auburn's Beautiful Band Shell Will Be Dedicated Sunday", *Nemaha County Herald*, 29 August 1940, 1; Regarding the final quoted sentence, there is one "ornamental electrolier" extant intact.

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reducing congestion in the surrounding downtown area. Bolena poplar trees were planted along this new parking space to block the viewshed of the business district.<sup>7</sup>

The park was considered a "most unsightly place covered with dense growth." City funds were drained through the purchase of the park; any additions and improvements would have to either come slowly as the city could afford the cost or be funded through the donations of civic-minded citizens. Donations came from numerous fundraisers put on by local citizens and organizations. Immediately following the purchase of the park by the city, a movement was instigated to provide bench seating throughout the park. H. W. Holmes began a fundraising campaign to purchase new steel frame benches, and to repair existing seating.<sup>8</sup> H. N. Howe, no doubt a relative of Auburn founder Church Howe, donated paint toward the refurbishment effort. Eighty-four dollars were raised for benches. A specific committee of the Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1930 to raise money from Auburn residents to fund the purchase of playground equipment consisting of a 29-foot slide and a 12-foot merry-go-round. This equipment is no longer extant. Additionally, a special meeting of the Women's Club resulted in a special committee to raise money for the construction of a wading pool for children.

The lily pond was made out of an old fly wheel from the Western Public Service Company in 1930, and has recently been restored. A rustic stream and bridges were constructed on a vaguely north-south axis, and serves to provide drainage for low lying areas in the park. Fieldstone was selected to line the stream and was used on the bridges because it is a local abundant material that was cost-effective yet attractive.<sup>9</sup> The bridges were built "according to the plans and specifications of big bridges over real rivers. Concrete piers have been constructed and the floor will be supported by steel beams."<sup>10</sup> In 1930, the park received enough visitors to require a "Park Policeman." The position was formed to monitor the activity of the play area and park grounds. Such as position was found necessary because "Some of the older children were inclined to monopolize the play ground apparatus and keep the little folks from using and enjoying it." "Also these older boys were using improper language and otherwise misconducting themselves."<sup>11</sup>

In 1930, American Legion Post No. 23 met with the City Council and requested that the park be named "American Legion Memorial Park" in honor of the soldiers of World War I. The city council voted unanimously in favor of the motion, and the park has been known as Legion Memorial Park since.<sup>12</sup>

Although no longer extant, the original pool and bathhouse were important enhancements to the park. The American Legion Post proposed the need for a modern swimming pool, and undertook the fundraising in 1930. The American Legion members together pledged \$1000.00 toward the construction of the pool, and secured a \$250.00 donation from Congressman Morehouse and \$500.00 from the Auburn Hose Company. The group wished to build as large a pool as could be afforded, and planned to remain active in the operation of the business so that subscribers could be repaid as soon as possible. The bathhouse, constructed of the local fieldstone seen on other park structures, is no longer extant and the pool has been replaced.

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) provided funding for many extant structures in Legion Memorial Park. The WPA, which is perhaps one of the most well known New Deal-era programs, provided employment to hundreds of thousands of generally able-bodied but unemployed workers between 1933 and the onset of World War II. Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal mandate to provide unemployed Americans with relief prompted enormous expenditures on parks,

<sup>7</sup> Untitled article, *Nemaha County Herald*, 1929. Date as noted by Mary Krueger, City of Auburn Councilmember, Auburn, Nebraska.

<sup>8</sup> *Nemaha County Herald*, September 1929.

<sup>9</sup> "Buy Equipment for Playground," *Nemaha County Herald*, 27 June 1929, 1.

<sup>10</sup> *Nemaha County Herald*, 27 June 1930.

<sup>11</sup> *Nemaha County Herald*, 25 July 1930.

<sup>12</sup> "Appointed Special Park Policeman," *Nemaha County Herald*, 25 July 1930, 1; "Park Dedicated to War Veterans," *Nemaha County Herald*, 18 July 1930, 1.

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**Geographical Data**

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Including roughly two-thirds of the original park area, the historic boundary for the Legion Memorial Park is enclosed by 10<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, a concrete walkway to the east, 11<sup>th</sup> street and a concrete walkway to the south, and J Street/HWY 75 to the west.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The north and west boundaries were drawn to reflect the original park boundaries coinciding with 10<sup>th</sup> Street and J Street/HWY 75 respectively. The east boundary line was drawn to reflect the eastern-most pathway and the exclude the modern pool area and bathhouse. The south boundary line was drawn to include the parks original elements while excluding the modern tennis courts.

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The following information pertains to all photographs:

**LEGION MEMORIAL PARK**

Auburn, Nemaha County, Nebraska

Photography by Jill Ebers

June 2004

Negative at Nebraska State Historical Society

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Entrance gate

View to southeast

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Detail of entrance gate

View to northeast

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Band shell

View to the east

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Stone bridge #2

View to the east

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View from band shell

View to the west

Photograph #6 of 8

Pyramidal stone lantern/men's restroom building

View to northeast

Photograph #7 of 8

Men's restroom building

View to northeast

Photograph #8 of 8

Rustic river/back of band shell

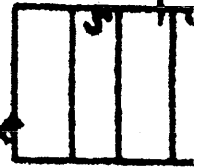
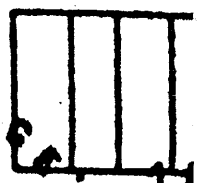
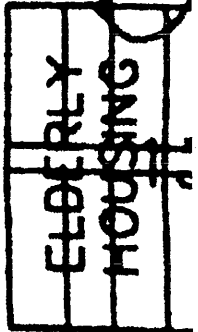
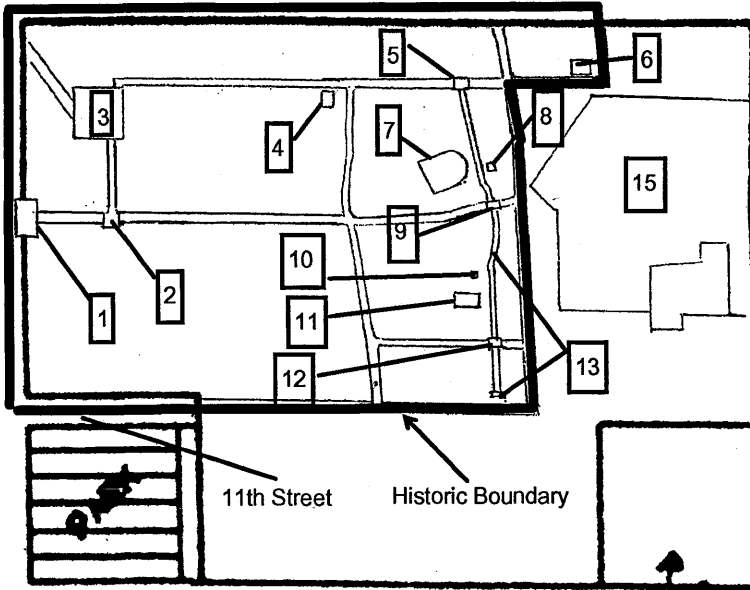
View to south

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Map Key

1. Entrance gateway (contributing)
2. "Avenue of Flags" stone monument (non-contributing)
3. Picnic shelter (contributing)
4. Women's restroom Building (contributing)
5. Bridge # 1 (contributing)
6. Men's restroom building (contributing)
7. Band shelter (contributing)
8. Stone pyramidal light stand (contributing)
9. Bridge # 2 (contributing)
10. Stone pyramidal water faucet (contributing)
11. Storage building (non-contributing)
12. Bridge # 3 (non-contributing)
13. Rustic stream/stepped feature (contributing)
14. Modern pool and bathhouse area